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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS:

MY ASSOCIATION WITH YOU BOTH AND MY VISITS TO THE PHILIPPINES HAVE BEEN AMONG THE HIGH POINTS OF MY SERVICE AS SECRETARY OF STATE. AS MY TERM OF OFFICE DRAWS TO A CLOSE I WANT TO TELL YOU BOTH HOW MUCH I HAVE APPRECIATED THE MANY PERSONAL KINDNESSES WHICH YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO ME DURING THE PERIOD OF OUR OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP.

THE STATESMANSHIP YOU BOTH HAVE SHOWN IN GUIDING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PHILIPPINES DURING A TIME OF RAPID CHANGE AND YOUR STEAD-FAST SUPPORT OF CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA. YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR TIES AND OF THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT OF A BALANCE OF POWER IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC HAS ENABLED OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE A GOOD START TOWARD PLACING OUR

BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP ON A MORE ENDURING BASIS THAT WILL WELL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF FILIPINOS AND AMERICANS ALIKE IN THE YEARS TO COME. I KNOW THAT CY VANCE HIGHLY VALUES THE CLOSE TIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

MY VISITS TO MANILA HAVE ALWAYS STRUCK ME WITH THE SPECIAL QUALITY OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. I ONLY REGRET THAT I WAS NOT ABLE TO BASK IN THE WARMTH OF THE FABLED PHILIPPINE HOSPITALITY AS OFTEN AS I AND NANCY WOULD HAVE LIKED.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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